

REMARKS

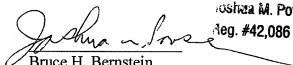
In the noted Final Office Action, claims 50-53 and 55-85 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over ICHIHASHI (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,262). Claim 54 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over ICHIHASHI in view of ABECASSIS (U.S. Patent No. 6,408,128).

In a telephone interview on October 15, 2007 and October 16, 2007, the Examiner indicated to Applicants' representative, Joshua M. Povsner, that the outstanding rejections would be withdrawn if the claims were amended as shown herein.

The herein-contained amendments should not be considered an indication of Applicant's acquiescence as to the propriety of any outstanding rejection. Rather, the claims are amended as shown herein merely to advance prosecution and obtain early allowance of claims in the present application. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions about this application, any representative of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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